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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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Application Number: 10/701,660  
Applicants: William I. Stopperan and Troy M. Bryan  
Filed: November 4, 2003  
Title: Novel Identification Method and Apparatus  
TC/A.U:  
Examiner:

Assignee: Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.  
Attorney Docket: WPCI-Nonprov  
Customer No.: 33549

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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

This Declaration is made by William I. Stopperan and Troy M. Bryan.

I, William I. Stopperan, hereby declare:

- I am a citizen of the United States of America and that my residence and mailing address is 1124 Grand Avenue, Windsor, Colorado, 80550.

I, Troy M. Bryan, hereby declare:

- I am a citizen of the United States of America and that my residence and mailing address is 606 "O" Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, 69336.

We, William I. Stopperan and Troy M. Bryan, each hereby declare we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed, described and for which a patent is sought on the invention now entitled "Novel Identification Method and Apparatus," application number US 10/701,660, filed November 4, 2003, the specification of which has been provided to us at or prior to the time of signing this declaration. We have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification as above entitled, including any claims.

We also believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in:

- United States Application Number 60/423,955, filed November 4, 2002 (the "Original US Application") originally entitled "Method of Substance Abuse Testing Administration."

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119 of US Provisional Application 60/423,955 filed November 4, 2002; there are no foreign applications having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

We hereby declare that the specification and disclosure herein submitted are intended to include disclosure or claims directed to, individually or in combination: embodiments of the invention which may encompass a device, apparatus, method, process, or business method; embodiments of the invention which may encompass permutations or combinations of any aspects of the invention; any aspect of the invention conceived or developed as separate inventions; and any aspect of the invention independent of any initial context considered as preferred embodiments. We also authorize and support this application for patent protection in the United States, and for similar protection in foreign countries, each to be sought to the extent or breadth any owner desires or deems appropriate. We acknowledge that each of the attorneys and the firm filing this application are attorneys for the assignee, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc., only.


We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby grant the firm of Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., the power to insert on this Declaration or any other document any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to indicate filing information or to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office or any foreign patent office for recordation of this document, including, but not limited to, inserting the application number, the execution date, mailing information, or the filing date of the above-identified United States Patent Application based upon the Invention.

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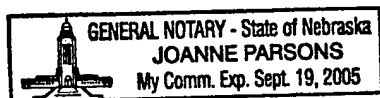
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me in the County of Scotts Bluff, State of Nebraska, United States of America, by William I. Stopperan., this 18 day of December, 2003.

WITNESS my hand and official seal pursuant to the authority vested in me as a Notary Public by the State of Nebraska.



  
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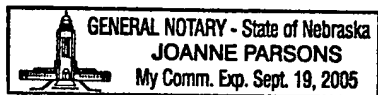
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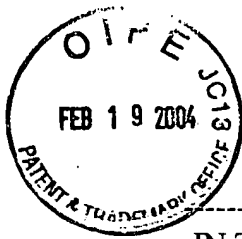
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**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

I, Cheryl A. Swanson, hereby certify to the truth of the following items:

1. I am an employee of Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., 125 South Howes, Third Floor, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.
2. I have this day deposited the attached Response to Notice to File Missing Parts in Nonprovisional Application along with Exhibit A - Declaration for Patent Application with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail" for mailing to Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

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